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usage of water, its allocation, its distribution, and all such things as that. It is a lengthy, complicated bill. And what I started doing yesterday and will continue to do is to offer amendments that I think will smooth out and improve the bill without in any way affecting the thrust of it. After I get through offering these types of amendments, then I may have some of a substantive nature, which Senator Schrock has already warned us will probably be vigorously resisted, because a task force had given us this form of the bill, and the instructions accompanied the bill. You all probably are not like me. Anything I buy from the store which has directions, I read them. I've been taking aspirin since I was...well, since the time I wore a younger man's clothes. My hair was a different color. I was much more alert. But even when I buy a box that has within it a bottle in which are aspirins, topped by a piece of cotton and a cap that is supposed to be child-proof, I read the directions first that appear on the box. Then, when they refer me to that piece of paper inside the box that is folded over the top of the bottle, I read that also. How do I know that the makers of the aspirin have not made a change? So I read directions on everything. And some of them, I must confess, are as puzzling and confusing as bills such as the one before us today. But those directions do not puzzle and confuse everybody. And some people have the ability to look at a collection of pieces, or parts, which somebody like me would call junk and clutter, and see that when those parts are arranged properly and one is fitted to the other where it belongs, a structure of some kind is going to emerge that carries out a useful function. But since I don't have that capacity, I have to take it a step at the time. So I'm going to deal with this bill by taking it a step at the time. And I will tell you why I mention the example of the directions. were directions to the Legislature, apparently, that accompanied The Legislature is not to amend this bill in any this bill. substantive manner. Now whereas I feel the manufacturers of products are the best ones suited to explain what their product is and how it's to be used, and they will have liability if their product doesn't operate the way it should when it's used the way they recommend, I feel more comfortable following and relying on their directions. But when I'm in the process of law making, and I'm asked to vote for a proposition, I will not be